

The RCC Weekly

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BHE Chair Visits RCC



Dr. Charles Desmond, chair of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, was a special guest at RCC's All-College Meeting and Faculty institute on September 4th. In a rousing speech, he told us that the Board of Higher Ed fully supports Dr. Turner and the College. Click [HERE](#) to read more about Dr. Desmond's visit.

One book, one campus

To support this year's One Book, One Campus program, the RCC library has 12 copies of *A Chance in the World* by Steve Pemberton. Also, there are 10 copies through the Boston Public Library:

- 6 regular books
- 2 copies spoken word on CD
- 1 copy spoken word to downloadable audio file
- 1 copy eBook



There are several copies currently available at RCC library. If there are none left when you come, make out a hold for any of the 22 copies at RCC and BPL through the library web page. If needed, ask library staff for how to do this. Also, see the new online library web page devoted to the book, including Resources for the Book, on the [library website](#).

The Academic Affairs office has purchased 30 copies of the book. Contact Shelly at ext. 5304 to reserve your copy.

NEW ART ON CAMPUS

As you walk the hallways of the college this fall, take a look at the 28 pieces of beautiful and interesting art pieces newly installed by the Facilities Department this summer. They are the creations of Boston area artists and donated to RCC in conjunction with The Art Connection, Inc. This is the same group who donated 21 art pieces for the library several years ago. The application for this donation was made last fall. In January, a group of ten RCC faculty, staff and students selected the works we have received, from a slide show of 240 images. If all goes well, in 2013 the college will be eligible for 30 more art pieces, to be placed in areas most accessible to students. Take a few moments to browse this new website of RCC art [RIGHT HERE](#) (also accessible at the main library page). You come to a map of the college. Click each building to reveal images and information about the art within. The college currently has a total of 70 pieces of art, donated and otherwise, permanently on display for the edification of our students. For more information on this project, contact Mark Lawrence mlawrence@rcc.mass.edu.



Jamaica Pond Color Memory Mosaic, by Karen Ann Victoria O'Brien.

Acrylic on canvas, 24"x48".

Location: Outside Bookstore

Mark Your Calendar

- September 18:** Title III PD (see page 4)
September 20: Endangered Languages and Us (see page 4)
October 8: Columbus Day
October 16: Title III PD
October 25: The Diary of Anne Frank (see page 2)

Roxbury Repertory Theater Presents The Diary of Anne Frank

Roxbury Rep opens its fall season with twelve performances of the moving story of Ann Frank as revealed through her diary she kept while in hiding during the NAZI occupation of Holland. The compelling story of eight people hiding in a confined space and the psychological impact it had on their lives is told through the beautiful adaptation of Wendy Kesselman, and directed by Marshall Hughes. The story is universally understood and affects people from all walks of life. Included in the performance will be words and thoughts from a diverse group of artists, performers and lecturers.

WHERE: Mainstage at Roxbury Community College

WHEN: Thu, 10/25 - 10am & 8pm

Fri, 10/26 - 10am & 8pm

Sat, 10/27 - 2pm

Sun, 10/28 - 4pm

Thu, 11/1 - 10am & 8pm

Fri, 11/2 - 10am & 8pm

Sat, 11/3 - 2pm & 7pm



COST: \$10 (\$5—students and seniors)

INFORMATION: Tickets, reservations and group sales

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**SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES
& HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

RCC and Massachusetts Institute of Technology are collaborating in a joint program to benefit students, faculty, fellows and scholars of RCC and the department of Urban Planning and Urban Studies.

The program is funded through the U.S. State Department's Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program and administered by the Department's Institute for International Education.

Ms. Lauren Stewart, Program Evaluator for the Institute for International Education, visited RCC this Monday, September 10th. She met with students, faculty, President Linda Turner Edmonds and Vice President Brenda Mercomes to discuss the current program and to collect ideas about its future development.

RCC/MIT began planning the partnership in September 2010, after an initial meeting of former President Gomes and Vice President Mercomes, and MIT's former Chancellor Philip Clay and Department Chair Bish Sanyal.

This Fall semester, the partnership expects to expand the program to eight to twelve students in the core program; and twenty to thirty students in the basic exposure to MIT component.

Visit the SPURS website at <http://web.mit.edu/spurs/www/>

NEWS FROM HEALTH SCIENCES

The Health Science Division is off to a wonderful start. We have hired four new faculty including one full-time and three part-time. They are Loretta Cunningham, DNP(c), RN, who has joined the PN program full-time. Dawn Whitney, MSN, RN, Christine Clarke, BSN, RN and Diane Ferguson, MSN, RN are all part-time. Loretta is the first full-time faculty who is a graduate of our program, but we have several part-time clinical faculty who are also graduates of our Nursing Program. Tishlanda Mukala who just received her MSN this summer and is one of our part-time clinical instructors is a graduate. John Brennan, MSN, RN is also one of our part-time clinical faculty. They are joined by Isela Wellington, RN, Roxane White, BSN, RN, and Dorothy Bowers, RN who are all lab Assistants. In addition, Kenisha Farris, RN, Opal Morgan, RN, Djenny Lobo-Delaney BS, RN and Vanessa Fernandes BS, RN are tutors for our students. We are so proud of these graduates who have returned to RCC to teach our students and to make sure that the excellent education that they received continues.

Another piece of excellent news is our pass rate on the national certifying examinations in Nursing and in Radiologic Technology. Our Radiologic Technology Program has had a 100% pass rate in the Joint Review Committee in

Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) for several years and our Rad Tech students are working at several Boston area hospitals. Our PN program achieved a 100% pass rate on the National Certifying Licensure Exam (NCLEX-PN) in 2010. Our ADN program achieved a 93% pass rate on the National Certifying Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) in 2011. The national average was 87.90% The Massachusetts average was 88.24%. Below is a chart that includes the 2011 pass rates for other Nursing Programs in Greater Boston. Please note that Baccalaureate Programs are also included.

It is good to see the evidence of our faculty's hard work and we congratulate them and our students on their success. If anyone would like to see the full report, it can be viewed at www.mass.gov/eohhs/researcher/physical-health/nursing/nclex/

School	Associate or Baccalaureate	Score
Roxbury Community College	Associate	93%
Mass Bay Community College	Associate	92%
Bunker Hill Community College	Associate	89%
Northeastern University	Baccalaureate	86%
Boston College	Baccalaureate	92%
Regis College	Baccalaureate	88%
Simmons College	Baccalaureate	94%
Quincy College	Associate	93%
North Shore Community College	Associate	93%
Northern Essex Community College	Associate	89%
Laboure College	Associate	84%
UMass Boston	Baccalaureate	83%
UMass Lowell	Baccalaureate	86%
UMass Dartmouth	Baccalaureate	77%

RCC Sports



The Roxbury Community College women's basketball team is the first recipient of the Lisa K. Bodine Sports Foundation Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. Institutional Excellence Award.

The award is given to a sports program that promotes excellence in its student-athletes.

Executive Director Lisa Bodine, granddaughter of Dr. Brown, chose the Lady Tigers program by stating: "Under the leadership of Head Coach Mark Leszczyk, the RCC program has been competitive nationally and the program consistently sends players on to four-year colleges."

Roscoe C. Brown Jr. is the former commander of the famous 332nd Fighter Group, the Tuskegee Airmen — the celebrated African-American pilots who fought in World War II. The Group's 100th squadron flew the P-51 Mustang painted with red tails. Brown famously downed one of the

German Messerschmitt Me-262 jets. He flew sixty-eight combat missions by the war's end and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with Eight Oak Leaf Clusters and the Presidential Unit Citation. Returning in 1946, Brown attended New York University, earning a Ph.D. and becoming a professor at New York University and president of Bronx Community College.

Dr. Brown's heroics were recently chronicled in the George Lucas feature film "Red Tails," released in January 2012.

The Lisa K. Bodine Sports Foundation was established in 2011, to assist young athletes with the cost of participating in club sports and to recognize student-athletes for excellence in academics and athletics. The Foundation also supports institutions and organizations that strive to assist student-athletes.

Read more: <http://xetsa.com/lboogie/2012/06/02/lisa-k-bodine-sports-foundation-inaugural-awards/>

Division of Liberal Arts Presents: Endangered Languages and Us

Experts in the sciences and humanities agree we are on the verge of a linguistic die-off. How do we position ourselves to preserve and promote language diversity? Professor Susan Kalt will report on research that she conducted while on leave as a National Endowment for the Humanities Documenting Endangered Language Fellow in the Andes.

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 20

TIME: 1:30 – 2:45 PM

PLACE: Roxbury Community College
Rm. TBA

Open to all.



TITLE III Presents: PD TUESDAYS

This fall, the third Tuesday of every month will feature a variety of professional development opportunities provided by Title III. On Tuesday, September 18, from 1:30pm to 2:45pm, the following workshops will be facilitated by Title III staff.

~ An Introduction to Classroom Technology ~

Whether you're a first-time user or an experienced veteran of classroom technology, come on by to see all the new gadgets in our Learner-Centered Classroom, try things out for yourself, and learn some tips for troubleshooting in the moment. David Perkinson will be on hand to demonstrate the technology and to answer all your questions!

Where: Room 445

Presenter: David Perkinson

~ Rubrics Demystified ~

In a learner-centered educational environment typical assessment tools, such as multiple-choice testing, are not always suitable. Rubrics are proven assessment tools that save grading time, convey effective feedback and promote student learning. This workshop will demystify rubrics and highlight the reasons why they are so effective in a Higher Ed learner-centered environment. Participants will design and apply effective rubrics to an actual assignment, using Word and one online rubric generator, in order to communicate expectations and assess student performance in face-to-face and online learning environments.

Where: Room 319

Presenter: Ruth Ronan

News from STEM

- Faculty Professional Development "Voyage to Mars" on 09/21/12
- Faculty Professional Development: Department Chairs and STEM Dean 'kick off' the 100% training for Basic Moodle Certificate training on 9/6/12
- Stellar Student: Jelani Lynch, Broadcast Media Technology major received the 2012 PIC (Private Industry Council) Achievers Award on 09/12/12 at the PIC Annual Meeting



FORDFOUNDATION

Along with Bunker Hill Community College, we received grant funds from Ford, through the Boston Foundation, to work specifically with 2011 and 2012 graduates of Boston Public Schools. These students will receive enhanced guidance, as they will participate in an embedded model of advising. That is, counselors from community non-profits, such as Freedom House and TERI, will work with our students on academic and life-decision issues. Their goals are the same as RCC's: improve persistence and encourage graduation.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about the Ford Foundation

Final Examination Schedule

Fall 2012: December 15 - 21

- * Evening classes end on December 13; day classes end on December 14.
- * Reading Day is Monday, December 17. (exception for evening classes only)
- * Final exams for Saturday classes should be scheduled for December 15.
- * Evening exams will begin on December 17 and not before, given on the same day that class meets.
- * December 21 is the last day/evening for all final exams and the last day of the semester.

To use this schedule - - -

- 1) **find your class on the class schedule**
- 2) **look up the letter on the exam schedule**

CLASS SCHEDULE					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
A) 7:30-8:45	N) 7:30-8:45	A) 7:30-8:45	N) 7:30-8:45	T) 8:30-11:15	W) 9:00-11:45
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E) 1:30-2:45	Activity 1:30-2:45	E) 1:30-2:45	Activity 1:30-2:45		
F) 3:00-4:15	R) 3:00-4:15	F) 3:00-4:15	R) 3:00-4:15	V) 3:30-6:15	
G) 4:30-5:45	S) 4:30-5:45	G) 4:30-5:45	S) 4:30-5:45		
Evening (classes meet once-a-week)					
Mon. 6:00-8:45	Tues. 6:00-8:45	Wed. 6:00-8:45	Thu. 6:00-8:45	Fri. 6:00-8:45	

EXAM SCHEDULE						
Time	Dec 15 Sat	Dec 17 Mon	Dec 18 Tue	Dec 19 Wed	Dec 20 Thu	Dec 21 Fri
8:30AM—10:30AM	W	Reading Day	N	A	O	T
11:00AM—1:00PM	X		P	B	Q	U
1:30PM—3:30PM			E	C	F	V
4:00PM—6:00PM			S	D	R	G
6:30PM—8:30PM		Mon eve. classes	Tue eve. classes	Wed eve. classes	Thu eve. classes	Fri eve. classes

For exam scheduling, classes that meet MWF or otherwise vary from this schedule should use their *starting* time block to determine the assigned exam block. Example: A 9:30 MWF class would have its exam in the B exam block.

Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Tuesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu